Claims

[c1]   1. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to receive data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and to determine a separate charge in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with financing the out-of-pocket costs.

[c2]   2. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to receive data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and to determine a separate charge in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with services related to a loan of funds to pay the out-of-pocket cost.

[c3]   3. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to receive data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and to determine a separate charge in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part as a function of the cost of financing the out-of-pocket costs, the one or more computers further programmed to generate at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge.

[c4]   4. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to receive data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and to determine a separate charge in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with services related to a loan of funds to pay the out-of-pocket cost, the one or more computers further

programmed to generate at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge.

[c5] 5. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to record data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and a corresponding plurality of separate charges in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is a function of the cost of financing the out-of-pocket costs.

[c6] 6. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to record data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and a corresponding plurality of separate charges in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is a function of the cost of financing the out-of-pocket costs, the one or more computers further programmed to record at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge.

[c7] 7. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to receive data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and to determine a separate charge in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part as a function of the cost of financing the out-of-pocket costs, and further wherein the one or more computers are programmed to record a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.

[c8] 8. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to receive data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients

of a law firm and to determine a separate charge in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with services related to a loan of funds to pay the out-of-pocket cost, and further wherein the one or more computers are programmed to record a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.

[c9]   9. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to receive data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and to determine a separate charge in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part as a function of the cost of financing the out-of-pocket costs, the one or more computers further programmed to generate at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge, and further wherein the one or more computers are programmed to record a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.

[c10]   10. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to receive data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and to determine a separate charge in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with services related to a loan of funds to pay the out-of-pocket cost, the one or more computers further programmed to generate at least one client invoice including a billing for

one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge, and further wherein the one or more computers are programmed to record a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.

[c11]   11. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to record data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and a corresponding plurality of separate charges in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is a function of the cost of financing the out-of-pocket costs and, further wherein the one or more computers are programmed to record a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.

[c12]   12. Apparatus comprising one or more computers programmed to record data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and a corresponding plurality of separate charges in relation to each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is a function of the cost of financing the out-of-pocket costs, the one or more computers further programmed to record at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge, and further wherein the one or more computers are programmed to record a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.

[c13]   13. A method comprising receiving in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and storing a separate charge in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with financing the out-of-pocket costs.

[c14]   14. A method comprising receiving in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and storing a separate charge in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with services related to a loan of funds to pay the out-of-pocket cost.

[c15]   15. A method comprising receiving in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and storing a separate charge in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with financing the out-of-pocket costs, and further including generating at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge.

[c16]   16. A method comprising receiving in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and storing a separate charge in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with services related to a loan of funds to pay the out-of-pocket cost, and further including generating at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge.

[c17]   17. A method comprising recording in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and a corresponding plurality of separate charges in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with financing the out-of-pocket costs.

[c18]   18. A method comprising recording in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and a corresponding plurality of separate charges in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with financing the out-of-pocket costs, and further recording at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge.

[c19]   19. A method comprising receiving in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and storing a separate charge in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with financing the out-of-pocket costs, and further including recording a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.

[c20]   20. A method comprising receiving in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and storing a separate charge in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in

part based on a cost associated with services related to a loan of funds to pay the out-of-pocket cost, and further including recording a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.

[c21]   21. A method comprising receiving in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and storing a separate charge in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part as a function of the cost of financing the out-of-pocket costs, and generating at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge, and further including recording a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.

[c22]   22. A method comprising receiving in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and storing a separate charge in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with services related to a loan of funds to pay the out-of-pocket cost, and generating at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge, and further including recording a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.

[c23]   23. A method comprising recording in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and a corresponding plurality of separate charges in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with financing the out-of-pocket costs and, further including recording a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.

[c24]   24. A method comprising recording in a law firm accounting system data indicative of a plurality of out-of-pocket costs for one or more clients of a law firm and a corresponding plurality of separate charges in relation to at least some of each respective out-of-pocket cost wherein the charge is determined at least in part based on a cost associated with financing the out-of-pocket costs, recording at least one client invoice including a billing for one of the out-of-pocket costs and a respective separate charge, and further including recording a first data item corresponding to an amount owed by the law firm to a third party in regard to the separate charge and a second data item corresponding to an amount billed to a client in regard to the separate charge.